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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY

The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Refugee Airlift (S)

The President has reviewed and authorizes the proposed airlift of Ethiopian Jewish refugees from the Sudan (hereafter to be identified as Operation Sheeba) as described in the March 12, 1985 memorandum from the Department of State. The March 22nd date is approved and may be adjusted pursuant to operational requirements and the agreement of the Government of Sudan. (TS)

The Department of Defense shall have the lead responsibility for implementing the operational aspects in coordination with the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State. (U)

The Department of State will reimburse the Department of Defense for the operational costs. (U)

Robert C. McFarlane

Attachment As Stated

cc: Vice President Bush

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